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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of this non-provisional utility continuation patent application entitled *Communication Schema of Online System and Method of Locating Consumer Product in the Enterprise Production Pipeline* by Stephen Smith, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The specification is amended at page 1, line 10 as follows. Please refer to the attached sheet showing a marked-up version of the amendments to the specification.

RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application Serial number 09/561,644, filed May 2, 2000, and entitled *Method and System for Configuring and Ordering Consumer Product*, which claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial DAL01:589668.1